IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v. CRIMINAL NO. 1:16cr114-LG-RHW-1

JOSHUA BRANDON VALLUM

MOTION TO CONTINUE SENTENCING HEARING

COMES NOW the defendant, Joshua Brandon Vallum, and respectfully moves this Court to continue the sentencing hearing currently scheduled for March 21, 2017, and in support thereof, states as follows:

I.

On December 21, 2016, Joshua Brandon Vallum pleaded guilty to one count of a hate crime act involving actual or perceived gender identity in violation of 18 U.S.C. §249(a)(2). He is currently scheduled for sentencing on March 21, 2017.

II.

Counsel for defendant Vallum is set for trial before Judge Ozerden on March 20, 2017. Trial is expected to last one week.

III.

The Presentence Investigative Report was received on March 3, 2017. Objections to the report are due March 17, 2017. Additional time is needed to obtain records and present evidence in aid of sentencing. These records would be relevant to Vallum's Bureau of Prisons designation. For the foregoing reasons, the undersigned respectfully requests that the sentencing hearing be continued to April 18, 2017.

IV.

The Government takes no position on the requested continuance.

V.

The defendant submits that the requested continuance will serve the ends of justice and is not sought for purposes of delay.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant respectfully requests that his Motion for Continuance be granted and that the sentencing hearing be continued to April 18, 2017.

Respectfully submitted this the 15th day of March, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John W. Weber, III, do hereby certify that I have this day electronically filed the foregoing Motion with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which sent notification of such filing to the Assistant United States Attorney Jay Golden.

This the 15th day of March, 2017.

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